New location for Provo library to be discussed at public hearing

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PROVO — It will be the public's turn Tuesday to join the debate over where the city should put a new library.

The City Council will hold a hearing Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers.

The Library Board and a volunteer group called Friends of the Library advocate a site near the City Center. Another citizens group favors the old Academy Square building.

The Library Board, which has considered the issue for three years, names the Academy Building as its second choice.

The board discussed putting the library in two other downtown locations or expanding it at its present location.

A recently formed citizens group says the city should look at the library issue and a performing arts center together. They want to go with the Academy proposals.

Developers of that historic building, which was the original campus for

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Brigham Young University, say unless the library and arts center project goes in Academy they will have to tear down the buildings.

During Tuesday's meeting all proposals will be discussed and citizens will be able to propose alternatives.

VaLoy Marchant, from the Friends of the Library, said all issues concerning the library were studied in depth by the board and the new location was picked as the best plan.

"It is possible to add a cultural center to the new library building when the public is ready to pay for such a facility," she said. "We in Friends feel that a new library building would best meet the needs of the Provo City Library."

She said she would worry about putting the library in Academy Square and having other portions of that project fail.

Included in the Academy proposal would be a performing arts center, some commercial and professional space, the library, and a museum.

Shirley Paxman heads the citizens group pushing for the Academy site.

She said her group supports the new library but thinks the issue should be looked at in a broader sense.

"This community lacks in the performing arts facilities and we are just looking at the broader picture," she said. "We are all great supporters of the library and will do whatever we can to see that we do get a new

library."

She said plans unveiled this week include a performing arts center in the future. She said parking for the proposed one-story building would also make it necessary to buy another piece of property.

"There is an urgency to this right now because the City Council is getting ready to make a decision," she said. "I think we all have the interests of the city at heart here."

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Mayor Jim Ferguson said he can make recommendations to the council members concerning the new library, but the decision is up to the council.

"If you just look at a library and nothing else, then the Library Board's decision makes sense," he said. "But if you add the center and museum the Academy proposal is the best."

Ferguson said it will be up to the council and the citizens of Provo to decide what they want.

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A special bond issue to build a new library was barely defeated in 1978, as was a similar bid a few years before that.

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Utah County deaths

Glen Henry Degelbeck

KEARNS - Glen Henry Degelbeck, 63, died Aug. 11, 1984, in his home in Kearns, following a heart attack.

He was born Oct. 1, 1920, in Ophir, Tooele County, to John Henry and Al-ice Ann Young Deglebeck. He married Dorothy Robinson on June 12, 1943, in Salt Lake City.

He worked for the Tooele Army Dept. He was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Survivors include his wife of Kearns; two sons and three daughters, Rearns; two sons and three daughters, Glen Degelbeck Jr., Highland; John E. Degelbeck, Hunter; Mrs. Vern (Norma) Jessen, Bountiful; Mrs. Larry (Barbara) Taylor, West Jordan; Mrs. Mike (Linda) Shaw, Wellsville, Cache County; 13 grandchildren; two brothers and three sisters, Harold Degelbeck Lehi; Grant Degelbeck Clover beck, Lehi; Grant Degelbeck, Clover, Tooele County; Mrs. Lawrence (Marie) Jonsson; Highland; Mrs. Stan (Nelda) Taylor; Draper; Mrs. Marvin (Donna) Hall; Kanab.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Wing Mortuary Chapel, 118 E. Main, Lehi, where friends may call 7-9 p.m. Tuesday and before the service Wednesday. Burial will be in the Lehi City Cemetery.

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The survey was completed shortly after U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Margaret Heckler testified that institutional care facilities